

TROUBLED ASSET RELIEF PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), after receiving testimony from Tim Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 380, to expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, with an amendment;

S. 212, to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, with an amendment;

S. 859, to amend the provisions of law relating to the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program;

S. 601, to establish the Weather Mitigation Research Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States, with an amendment;

S. 38, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act;

S. 685, to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, with an amendment; and

The nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of the Department of Commerce, Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee met in closed session to examine financing comprehensive health reform.

STRATEGY FOR SOMALIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine developing a coordinated and sustainable strategy for Somalia, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina; and Shannon Scribner, Oxfam America, Washington, DC.

PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine developments on the ground in Pakistan and Afghanistan from representatives from the Joint Chiefs of Staffs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for international affairs, after receiving testimony from Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with an amendment;

S. 629, to facilitate the part-time reemployment of annuitants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 707, to enhance the Federal Telework Program, with an amendment;

S. 1064, Enhanced Oversight of State and Local Economic Recovery Act, with amendments;

S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards;

S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System;

S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances;

H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building";